

Frequently Asked Questions: Indiana Driver's License or a State ID

Can international students and scholars get an Indiana Driver's License or State ID card?

Yes, any F, J or H visa holder and dependents may apply for a driver's license or ID as long as they are in lawful status and present the necessary supporting documents required to verify legal presence in the United States.

What documents do I need to verify my legal presence with the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles?

In general, international students should present:

Identity Document: *Passport*

Lawful Status in the U.S.: *Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 and Form I-94*

Indiana Residency: *utility company bill or lease or rental contract and a local bank statement*

and a... *Social Security number or Social Security Administration letter of ineligibility.*

What if I don't have a Social Security number and what is a "letter of ineligibility"?

If you are not eligible for a Social Security number, you can get your license or id by submitting a letter of ineligibility from the Social Security Administration. This letter confirms that it is not possible for you to obtain a Social Security number.

How can I get a letter of ineligibility from the Social Security Administration?

You must submit the attached *Letter Request: Driver's License or State ID* form to the Rinker Center for International Programs. You will receive an email when the letter is finished. You must then take that letter to the Social Security Administration in Muncie (600 N. Walnut Street, Muncie, IN 47305). The Social Security Administration will then give you the "letter of ineligibility" which you will need to take to the BMV to get your driver's license.

OK, I have my identity document, lawful status documents, Indiana residency documents and my Social Security card or letter of ineligibility so what do I do now?

When you have all of your documents will need to take them to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, in order to apply for your driver's license or id. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles in Muncie is located at:

2904 E McGalliard Rd Muncie, IN 47303-1520

Can I go to this office by MITS Bus?

Yes, take Bus #5 Whitely/Morningside from the downtown MITS station to McGalliard Road and Bellaire Avenue bus stop. When you exit the bus, walk east on McGalliard Rd for 500 meters. The Muncie Bureau of Motor Vehicles is on the north side of McGalliard Rd.



Letter Request: Driver's License or State ID

FOR STUDENT OR SCHOLAR: PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM TO RECIEVE A LETTER FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR STATE ID FROM BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

PLEASE ALLOW 2 WEEKS OR 10 WORKING DAYS FOR PROCESSING. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED BY EMAIL THAT YOUR LETTER IS READY.

Please Print

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Middle Name _____ Ball State University Email _____

BSU Student ID Number 000 - ____ - _____

Major _____

Degree Completion Date (As listed on most recent I-20/DS 2019) _____

Your Visa Type _____ Have you ever worked on campus? Yes No

FOR SPOUSE: FILL IN THIS SECTION ONLY IF REQUESTING A LETTER FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR STATE ID

If request is for an F2/J2, list their name below exactly as listed on passport.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Middle Name _____

Visa Type _____

**You will receive an email from the Rinker Center for International Programs when your letter is finished.
Thank you for your patience.**